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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL DECREE ESTABLISHES THE NATIONAL GRAINS

AUTHORITY AS THE SOLE IMPORTER OF WHEAT

REF: TOFAS 124, NOVEMBER 18, 1974

1. PRESIDENT MARCOS SIGNED PD NO. 726 JUNE 5  
DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL GRAINS AUTHORITY (NGA) SOLE  
IMPORTER OF WHEAT AND DIRECTING SUCH IMPORTS BE  
PERMANENTLY EXEMPT FROM CUSTOM DUTIES, TAXES AND OTHER  
CHARGES. IMPORTS BY PRIVATE FIRMS NOW PROHIBITED.  
DECREE AIMED AT STABILIZATION OF PRICES OF WHEAT  
PRODUCTS.

2. DECREE DIRECTS NGA TO DETERMINE ANNUAL WHEAT  
REQUIREMENTS AND IMPORT FROM WHATEVER SOURCES WHETHER  
THROUGH FOREIGN PRIVATE SUPPLIERS OR ON A GOVERNMENT-  
TO-GOVERNMENT BASIS. WHEAT REQUIREMENTS OF FLOUR MILLERS  
AND OTHER USERS WILL BE SECURED FROM NGA.

3. DECREE RECEIVED VARIED REACTION FROM FLOUR MILLING INDUSTRY  
AND SOME TRADERS FELT THAT THIS WAS ONLY THE FORMALIZATION OF  
THE NGA ROLE IN PURCHASING THE COUNTRY'S WHEAT REQUIREMENTS  
WHICH WAS INITIALLY LAUNCHED IN NOVEMBER OF 1974 (SEE TOFAS 124,  
NOV. 18, 1974). HOWEVER, OST MILLERS ARE MORE PESSIMISTIC;  
THEY FEAR THAT THE DECREE SIGNALS A FORTHCOMING MOVE BY THE GOP  
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TO MAKE ALL DECISIONS ON WHEAT PURCHASES INCLUDING TOTAL ANNUAL  
ALLOCATIONS, ACCEPTANCE PRICES, INDIVIDUAL ALLOCATIONS TO

MILLS, ETC. SINCE LAST NOVEMBER, WHEN NGA BECAME THE SOLE PURCHASER OF THE COUNTRY'S WHEAT REQUIREMENT, NGA BEGAN A PURCHASE PROGRAM WHICH WAS CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH THE FLOUR MILLING INDUSTRY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP MAY NOT CONTINUE IN A WAY THAT WILL APPEASE THE MILLERS.

4. AGATTACHE HAS DISCUSSED THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WITH NGA OFFICIALS WHO HAVE NO COMMENT ON THE INTENDED IMPAC TO FHE DECREE EXCEPT THAT IT OFFICIALLY FORMALIZES AN EXISTING SITUATION.  
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